

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Although I used a form for convenience, please do not disregard the seriousness of this letter. I have a cell phone service with a rate of 29.99 per month, yet my bill is over \$36--because of taxes. Enough is enough. Just because it's easy to add more and more taxes and people have not yet complained enough to get your attention does not mean it is appropriate. I make absolutely no long distance phone calls on my home phone most of the time, yet I continue to pay more and more of the 'FCC approved charge' for 'access.' In real absolute facts, my home phone bill has more in taxes and fees than the actual charge made by SBC. My cell phone bill's added taxes/charges are 22% of the bill.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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